

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JANUARY, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 30th September, 1961 -

Metropolitan: Census of
30th June, 1961 -

Males - 377,618 Females - 363,796 Persons - 741,414

Persons - 420,169

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	DECEMBER				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	396	6.27	454	7.34	5,145	6.98	5,323	7.36
Births	1,249	19.77	1,198	19.37	17,066	23.15	16,926	23.41
Deaths	435	6.88	458	7.41	5,731	7.77	5,697	7.88
Infant Mortality (b)	26	20.82	33	27.55	337	19.75	366	21.62

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 pf population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Oversea	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
3,191	4,411	23,504	27,446	9,453	13,242	74,038	84,231	
Interstate	7,335	10,366	53,353	58,103	2,792	3,354	21,626	18,967
Total:	10,526	14,777	76,857	85,549	12,245	16,596	95,664	103,198

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1962	1961	1961	1960
acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	70,770 1,287,486	17,744 16,878	1,020,290 6,778,902	718,133 5,327,765

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Population	5,848,285 7.8	4,788,696 6.5	43,382,692 58.5	36,053,186 49.6
Expenditure	5,791,420 7.8	5,449,145 7.5	44,160,565 59.6	41,059,503 56.5
Expenditure per Head of Population				

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of JANUARY		
	1962	1961	1960
Total Balances	£	£	£
Per Head of Population	86,120,009 115.4	80,374,542 109.8	75,426,849 104.9

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	August	September	October	November	December	January
1962	£	£	£	£	£	£
1961	-	-	-	-	-	25,932,347
1960	21,592,512 21,671,109	23,229,542 22,713,665	24,614,595 23,826,722	23,763,950 23,976,291	26,855,385 25,473,597	25,547,075 21,434,932

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No. 1,621	1,293	12,059	13,862
	£. 3,164,285	2,726,605	21,938,774	24,217,345
Mortgages	No. 1,184	969	9,457	9,230
	£. 2,688,778	2,303,918	20,237,358	20,787,178
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 980	786	7,288	7,126

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Taxable Goods -				
Value of sales on which Tax is payable (net)	6,877,621	6,904,984	35,002,783	36,162,540
Tax is not payable (gross)	5,566,430	4,616,930	33,030,291	29,267,245
Sales of Exempt goods	14,721,500	13,351,742	83,260,444	87,853,652
Tax collected	920,325	1,155,393	5,127,355	5,890,445

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	24	14	219
Nominal Capital	£.	2,125,000	1,200,000	18,503,000
Foreign	No.	12	12	112

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	81	134,899	34,331	70	176,473	64,252
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	58	273,410	212,458	41	150,661	106,663

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways including Railway Road Service

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£.	1,298,500	1,203,900	8,563,600
Operating Expenses	£.	1,202,239	1,264,815	7,926,516
Train Miles Run	No.	623,515	606,999	3,974,161
Motor Bus Miles	No.	(a) 108,746	(b) 107,504	(c) 647,171
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No.	830,761	890,799	6,007,674
Motor Bus	No.	21,988	23,911	129,106
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods		345,364	314,129	2,440,227
Livestock		7,273	8,726	74,570
Departmental (Free Freight)		35,139	35,485	284,497
Total:		387,776	358,340	2,799,294
				2,486,199
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods		54,343,608	48,587,383	371,886,712
Livestock		1,033,789	1,363,293	10,794,589
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,328,306	3,948,306	32,926,248
Total:		59,705,703	53,898,982	415,607,549
				374,329,047

(a) Four weeks ended 2nd December. (c) Period 1st July to 2nd December.
(b) Four weeks ended 3rd December. (d) Period 1st July to 3rd December.

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	79,184	79,290	870,658
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,237,255	1,238,905	13,604,030
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	694,257	795,390	2,185,783
				2,131,784

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1960</u> - December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
<u>1961</u> -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957</u> - June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958</u> - June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959</u> - June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960</u> - June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961</u> - January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
July	90,859	27,021	568	8,652	137,554	68,717	1,232	12,150
August	91,247	27,028	571	8,602	138,940	69,460	1,233	12,125
September	91,494	27,057	575	8,534	139,975	70,018	1,246	12,143
October	92,403	27,142	575	8,553	140,808	70,113	1,256	12,038
November	92,609	27,131	573	8,509	142,244	71,289	1,259	12,152
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

PROJECTED BUILDING ACTIVITY
BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total	£'000	Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
<u>1961:</u>										
January	243	90	333	1,007	1,153	358	1,511	2,104	604	2,708
February	344	67	411	1,304	289	209	498	1,656	413	2,069
March	334	73	407	1,220	799	750	1,549	2,096	900	2,996
April	374	66	440	1,344	392	471	863	1,800	642	2,442
May	385	113	498	1,531	539	763	1,302	2,094	1,034	3,128
June	423	212	635	1,868	288	1,133	1,421	1,854	1,754	3,608
July	362	143	505	1,594	815	540	1,355	2,262	952	3,214
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
<u>1962:</u>										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203

BUILDING OPERATIONS

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132
Sept. Qr.	202	611	1,356	4,324	39	590	181	1,609	1,778	7,134

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545
Sept. Qr.	1,094	3,798	5	16	333	892	79	65	1,511	4,771

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com-bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis-cellaneous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5
September	143.1	50.2	193.3	September	143.5	49.9	193.4
October	143.2	50.4	193.6	October	142.9	50.2	193.1
November	143.7	50.6	194.3	November	143.8	50.8	194.6
December	143.5	51.1	194.6	December	143.4	50.5	193.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	233
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	236
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	238
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	239
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	240
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	240

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30/10/61	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
December, 1961	15,487	1,490	122,103	65,996	21,322
December, 1960	12,760	1,579	142,824	55,527	17,178
6 Months ended December, 1961	109,112	8,521	757,104	687,947	135,432
6 Months ended December, 1960	100,978	8,790	926,806	668,594	100,938

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
December, 1961	3,216	71	2,356	960	1,000
December, 1960	2,686	72	2,822	795	870
6 Months ended December, 1961	23,534	407	14,852	9,973	6,992
6 Months ended December, 1960	21,894	420	17,917	9,610	5,528

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents(a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383
July	413	597	209	288	622	885	4	6	267	381
August	370	539	196	282	566	821	2	10	237	372
September	363	523	177	277	540	800	4	18	236	370
October	362	524	216	310	578	834	10	13	292	442
November	314	458	184	285	498	743	7	15	226	372
December	405	580	227	341	632	921	6	17	331	504

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961												1962
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
		s. d.												
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	-	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-
- Other	bush.	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24. 9	22.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	30. 2
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10
Grapes	Open flat case	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	*29. 3	22. 7
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-
Lettuce	crate	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8
Table Celery	doz. head	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6
Beetroot	cwt.	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8
Carrots	cwt.	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1
Parsnips	cwt.	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3
Swedes	cwt.	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	9
Pumpkin	bag	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1
Onions (a)	ton	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

* Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961													1962
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
SHEEP	£. s. d.													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	
Heifers	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cows	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	
Steers	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	50. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	
Bullocks	-	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	
PIGS														
Slips	-	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Porkers	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	
Baconers	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	3. 8	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-
" Cocks	3. 1	-	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-
Ducks	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3
Drakes	2.10	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4
Geese	-	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4
Cockerels	2.10	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	-	-	2. 8	-
Caponers	2.11	2.11	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8
Hens	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July					Not yet available								(f)26,782
August					do.								(f)26,772
September					do.								(f)26,877
October					do.								(f)27,448
November					do.								(f)28,195

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.5(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	33.2	12.5	22.7	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.4	192.6	69.2
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
1961	8.6	3.3	5.5	4.4	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.7	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.7	16.5
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.7	15.9
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.4	3.3	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.8	16.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	389	221	2,615	2,756
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	6,409	7,854	49,994	57,185
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	83	100	661	801
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,235	1,861	13,867	14,538
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	32,872	37,880	197,183	203,143
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	217	340	1,729	2,224
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	12,697	14,019	100,569	101,629
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	501	1,294	3,939	6,652
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	979	650	4,224	5,805
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	4,224	4,274	27,876	31,097
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	1,373	1,696	9,132	10,613
Trousers - Men's - Sport - Work	"	8,588	8,772	52,270	45,184
	"	5,407	7,218	67,836	80,915
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	45,983	50,845	362,154	365,740
Slippers	"	9,000	8,858	59,050	65,540
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	809	800	2,586	2,397
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	37,395	36,076	142,560	115,602
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	730	854	4,025	3,829
Butter	"	1,465	1,483	13,095	12,645
Cheese	"	340	322	2,355	2,029
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	9	32	132	173
Sulphuric	"	20,427	19,986	95,530	103,374
Coal	"	65,345	58,172	493,867	473,220
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	90,934	87,611	547,245	521,388
Gas (Town) Produced	million				
Mattresses - Soft Filled (c)	cub. ft.	110	111	752	767
Pig Iron	number	1,944	2,433	13,409	16,247
Superphosphate	ton	4,577	4,769	25,886	26,714
Wool - Scoured	"	55,184	63,216	258,648	279,402
	'000 lb.	3,106	3,171	16,367	14,380

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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